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SUBJECT: COM HOUSE BILL 6-597

DOTA NO. 475-TT

SUBJECT BILL RELATES TO THE CHARTERING OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ENACTMENT OF THIS BILL IS NOT A NECESSARY CONDITION TO INSTIGATE DISTRICT ACTION ON CHARTER QUESTION. WHAT ENACTMENT OF THIS BILL WILL DO IS OFFICIALLY RECORD COM INTENT THAT ANY CHARTERS MUST BE 1) APPROVED AND GRANTED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, 2) WRITTEN SO AS TO RECOGNIZE RIGHT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER TO REVOKE, REVISE OR AMEND CHARTER AT HIS OWN DISCRETION AND 3) WRITTEN SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR USG, COM AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FUNDING. WE NOTE THAT COM AMENDED BILL TO ACCOMMODATE CONCERNS RAISED BY MACKENZIE DURING SPECIAL SESSION TESTIMONY.

SUBJECT BILL SHOULD BE APPROVED BY AHC. MESSAGE OF APPROVAL IS TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:
QUOTE. THE ADMINISTRATION IS PLEASED TO APPROVE HB 6-597
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WHICH ATTACHES CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS ON

THE TYPES OF CHARTERS WHICH THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES MAY

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. WE VIEW THE APPROVAL OF THIS BILL AS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE EVOLVING PROCESS OF GREATER SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA. AT THE CENTRAL LEVEL, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOUND THAT SELF-GOVERNMENT POLICY INCLUDES THE DEVOLUTION OF GREATER AUTHORITY TO THE DISTRICTS. THE DISTRICTS WILL BE WORKING OVER THE NEXT YEARS TO PREPARE TO ACCEPT THIS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY. THIS ADMINISTRATION FULLY SUPPORTS THIS PROCESS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT HB 6-597 WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BY THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION. WE VIEW THIS BILL, AND THE CHARTERING CONVENTIONS WHICH IT MAY ENGENDER, TO BE DIRECTLY TIED TO THE QUESTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE TYPE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WHICH THE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA CHOOSE AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT TO APPROVE THIS BILL, IT MAY BE UNWISE TO APPROVE ANY DISTRICT CHARTERS IN ADVANCE OF A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION. THE CONGRESS AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES SHOULD THEREFORE KNOW THAT THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON CHARTERED DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS IS THAT CHARTERS WILL BE GRANTED ONLY AFTER THE QUESTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS IS RESOLVED. WE HOPE THAT THIS POLICY WILL ENCOURAGE A SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO THAT QUESTION. END QUOTE.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT IN APPROVAL MESSAGE IS LEFT TO AHC

DISCRETION. THIS COMPLETES DOTA COMMENT ON ALL BILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO DATE FOR WASHINGTON REVIEW. PLS CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE SEEN ALL BILLS. ZEDER SENDS. KISSINGER

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